

Question for written answer E-012401/2013
to the Council (President of the European Council)
Rule 117
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Subject: PCE/PEC - Building for the European Council and the Council

There were reports in the European media this week that the costs for redeveloping the building for the European Council and the Council in Brussels are exceeding the agreed budget significantly¹. In fact, the costs are said to be heading towards EUR 350 million. The European Council's website, meanwhile, still states that the renovation will cost no more than EUR 240 million.

1. Has the President of the European Council taken note of the reports in the European media that the redevelopment costs for the building for the European Council and the Council are exceeding the agreed budget significantly? Does the President of the European Council find these reports regrettable?
2. Is it true that the costs for the new building have already reached EUR 350 million and thus exceed the agreed budget? If not, why not?
3. How is the President of the European Council going to pay for any budget overruns for the new building? What impact will it have on the EU budget?
4. What, in the view of the President of the European Council, will be the impact of this budget overrun on the public image of the European institutions?

¹ <http://deutsche-wirtschafts-nachrichten.de/2013/10/28/kosten-explosion-350-millionen-euro-fuer-eu-palast-in-bruessel/>